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"Sgt.-in Europe, APF tried to secure the support of two persons: The Grand MUFTI and Hajj Selassie of Abyssinia. Contact with the latter was established through Beloian and Basilian ranks, but no developments have been reported. With the Grand MUFTI APF had more success, for a letter and copy of the ABM declaration forwarded to him via Istanbul elicited a promise of full cooperation. It is believed that the MUFTI is concerned because of increasing Soviet propaganda in the Near And Middle East and fears that if Alexei of Moscow succeeds in converting Orthodox priests in the East to the Soviet ideology, Mohammedan groups may be penetrated."

* ABM stands for "Antibolshevik Block, Narodov"

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